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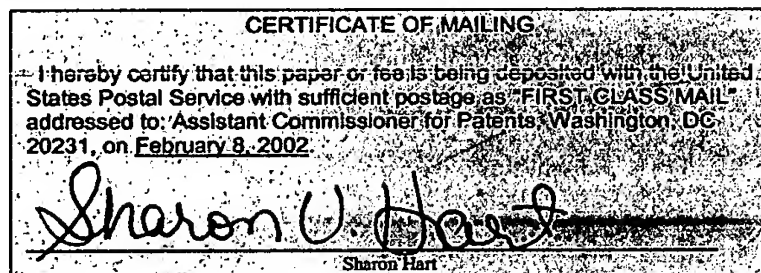
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:



Please amend this application as follows:

**In the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph on page 13, line 19, as follows:

A<sub>1</sub> In the illustrated embodiment, the home agent 411 of the AXQ module 383 includes a variety of modules, such as a secondary transfer buffer (STB) 412, a victim rewrite buffer (VRB) 413, an invalidation tag identifiers (ITI) 414, en-direct-map (DM) 415, and one or more counters 416, all of which are described in more detail below. The request agent 420, in the illustrated embodiment, includes one or more counters 421. It should be appreciated that the components of the AXQ module 383 shown in Figure 4 are exemplary in nature and that in other embodiments fewer or additional components may be employed, depending on the implementation.

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